

Greetings Channahon UMC Family and Friends!

What a joyous time of year, to celebrate our King of Kings; Prince of Peace; Savior of the World! Be safe in the coming days with the weather that is headed our way. Enjoy the celebrations with family and friends. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

For upcoming and future events, please refer to the church website, with our current newsletter , church calendar, and prayer requests.

We LIVE STREAM our 9am worship services now– join us live or watch on our YOUTUBE page at your convenience.

Contact the church office if you'd like to be added to our emailing list.

Any of the highlighted links : *hover over the link and right click – to open*

Reminders & Upcoming News:

With the covid levels in Will & Grundy Counties rising and currently at HIGH Risk , Masks are highly encouraged but NOT required !

Please sanitize as you enter the building.

You may CHOOSE to wear a mask at any time, especially if you are immunocompromised.

People with any symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days and wear a mask 10days following.

If the COVID-19 levels continue to increase, masking may be required again.

The church is open and available for use for meetings, groups and events.

Please be sure to confirm all usage and availability with the church office!

Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship – Join us Sunday mornings for 9am worship and Fellowship following. Children's Sunday School is 10:30a - 11:15am

Join us Sunday Morning December 25th and January 1st for 9am worship.

Church Office Hours – The office hours continue to be 9a-1p Tue-Fri, closed Mondays . Church office will be closed for Christmas, Dec. 26 – Jan 2.

Also - Please note Pastor Doh's office phone extension to leave a Voice Mail for him – is now EXTENSION 18 - when calling the church.

Children's Sunday School - kids 3yr to 12th grade at 10:30am in the Education Wing ~ 10:30a-11:15am. No Sunday School 12/25 or 1/1/2023

CUMC Choir –Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 3:30pm. We invite anyone who is interested in singing or to share your musical talent. Come join the SPIRIT of MUSIC! If anyone is interested in learning to play the new organ, Sarah Randolph is currently scheduling private organs lessons. Call the church office for more information. If you know how to play but would like to come practice on our new organ, you are welcome to do so during office hours. NO CHOIR rehearsal on December 28.

Sunday Morning LIVE STREAM - Can't make it to church? Join us LIVE at 9am on our YOUTUBE page – find the link on our church website homepage – 'Follow us on YOUTUBE' and select STREAMING NOW or even pick a past date to view – But either way – you can be with us in service or catch up at your own time and you don't have to wait for the EMAIL of the service.

Here is the direct link for your convenience: [\(90\) Channahon UMC - YouTube](#)

(in Chronological Order)

SUNDAY COUNTERS NEEDED - anyone interested in being an Offertory Counter, please see John Tschopp or call the church office. Finance chair, John Tschopp will give you the information and details needed to be added to the rotation list.

December & January combined Circuit Rider Newsletter - Printed copies are available in the Narthex for your convenience. NO Mid-Week ENews next week – Church office is closed.

Minooka UMC - & CUMC will be hosting combined worship service on Communion Sundays, with each church alternating choirs/sermons/planning. MUMC will host January 1st and CUMC will take Feb 5th.

***Sunday Attendance** - anyone able to help Donna Szoke with Sunday morning attendance on days she cannot be here (Christmas Eve, New Years Day) please contact Donna 815-342-9324 or the church office.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - will be at 7pm - All are welcome to attend. Invite family, friends and neighbors. We will have our Sunday 9am worship on Christmas and New Year's Day. No Sunday school on those days.

Church Office - will be closed December 26th - Jan 2nd in observance of Christmas & New Year holidays. For EMERGENCY Pastoral Care – contact Pastor Doh 630-740-9275.

Senior Luncheon –will be January 4th - doors open at 11:30am, lunch served at 12n, age 60+, suggested donation is \$4.

If you are not already on the guest list (from Dec. Luncheon sign-up), please call 847-738-1268 to RSVP or sign up in the Narthex before Jan 2nd.

Unhanging of the Greens - will be Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am with a light lunch when we are done. If you can help out - please sing up in the narthex so we make sure to have enough food/beverages.

Channahon UMC Preschool - - Priority Registration will offered to Channahon & Minooka UMC families for the 2023/2024 – to enroll early and hold a spot. Priority Registration opens January 9th. Enrollment will open to the community on January 30th and fees will increase on May 24th. Registration information and forms are available in the church offices or contact the school director for more information or a school tour - Andrea Smith 815-467-4708.

Family Craft & Movie Night - This is a **FAMILY FRIENDLY** program (Sep - May) All church and community, parents and children are invited. Craft night will be offered on the 1st Friday at 6 p.m. and Movie night on the 3rd Friday of each month at 6 p.m.

Here is the schedule for January :

Craft Night: Friday - January 6th

Movie Night: Friday - January 20th.

Channahon United Women in Faith (UMW) - continues the online fundraiser throughout the year and UWF will receive commission. It's an online store with Terri Lynn Fundraising. You can check out the items and order right on line and they will ship directly to the person you are ordering for. – at [Fundraising for Channahon UMW/UWF | Channahon, IL \(terri Lynn.com\)](https://www.terri Lynn.com) - Choose from delicious nuts, candy and snacks while supporting missions for women, children & youth! These make great teacher and co-worker gifts.

Outreach Team – is continuing to collect NEW Men's Winter Puffer Coats for the Manteno Veterans Home - (size: L, XL, 2x navy/black or dark gray) you can find these at Amazon (\$22-\$24)

Upper Room Devotionals - Jan/Feb books are out. Be sure to grab one to be able to start the new year with your readings/prayers. Call the office if you'd like one mailed.

UMC Church Calendar – *is constantly changing and being updated* –

Here is the link to our website church calendar [Calendar - Channahon United Methodist Church \(channahonumc.org\)](https://www.channahonumc.org)

CUMC Online Prayer Wall - prayers can be posted on our church prayer wall on our website. You can also see prayers and generate a note to the folks that you prayed for them.

Here is the link [Prayer Requests - Channahon United Methodist Church \(channahonumc.org\)](http://www.channahonumc.org/Prayer-requests) - You can also find it at www.channahonumc.org/Prayer-request

Prayers from our Online Prayer Wall and Sunday Worship

Janet Sanders – continued prayers for my son Chris and husband Gary.

Mark Baker is back in the hospital. Please pray for strength for healing.

Kris Hayden – prayers for my nephew Nolan who plays semi-pro hockey in Knoxville – was hit in the mouth pretty hard with the puck this morning – he is headed to emergency ortho-surgeon.

JOYS - Thank You's

Thank you from Channahon UWF - After subtracting starting cash, today's cookie sale netted \$625.25 in donations (not sure where the extra quarter came from). This compares to \$444 made last year.

Since we had 18 plates left as the MUMC service was starting, we labeled one plate with a Merry Christmas greeting from Channahon UWFaith and put it in the MUMC office. Janet Weakley offered to take the rest to Morningstar Mission, I am happy to report that the Morningstar plates will be used to go with the gifts going this week to 10 families staying at the mission as well as the emergency men's and emergency women's shelter. Thank you to all the CUWF ladies who did a beautiful job of cookie making and that their work helped make Christmas a little bit merrier for struggling local families as well as supporting women, children and youth all over the world.

Thank you to Channahon UMF for the delicious plate of cookies. *From Katie (MUMC Office Admin)*

Thank you to our UWF circles and Good Samaritan Ministry for donations to sponsor a family in need.

Thank to CUMC Staff Parish for the Christmas gift! *Kris Hayden*

Celebrations this week and Next: Dec. 21 - Jan 3

Birthdays: Riley Boyer, Brittany Alcantar, Marcia Kezerle, Clay Schuler, Vickie Breen, Susan McMillin, Mark Lindstrom, Emily Sergeant

Anniversaries: Ron & Mary Ann Lehman, Gary & Janet Sanders

Luke 1:68-70 [Zechariah said,] "Praise be to the Lord, God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he said through his holy prophets long ago."

Luke 1:76-78 - [Zechariah prophesied concerning John,] "You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God."

Matthew 1:20-21 - An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Blessings to you and yours this Christmas week and through the New Year!

Respectfully submitted with abundant blessings and prayers to experience God's presences all around you ~ and take in the beauty of God's amazing artwork this Fall Season!

Kris

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